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## French police detain Strauss-Kahn in sex ring probe

LILLE (AFP) - French police detained former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn for questioning yesterday over allegations he took part in orgies in Paris and Washington with prostitutes paid for by businessmen.

The 62-year-old former Socialist minister had been summoned as a witness, but prosecutors said he was now a suspect. He turned up voluntarily at a police station in the city of Lille and prosecutors said he would be detained on suspicion of "abetting aggravated pimping by an organised gang" and "misuse of company funds."

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## World's Shortest Man



**DANG, Nepal --** AFP photo shows Chandra Bahadur Dangi, a 72-year-old Nepali who claims to be the world's shortest man at 56 centimeters (22 inches) in height, walking near his home in Reemkholi village in Dang district, some 540 kilometers southwest of Kathmandu on February 21, 2012. Dangi will embark to the capital city as Guinness World Records experts are due to arrive in Nepal to measure a 72-year-old claiming to be the world's shortest man.

## Marriott International and PM Mike Eman unveil joint partnership for a 'Green Aruba'

*Marriott continues commitment to the Island by sponsoring environmental education for primary school students*

In support of Prime Minister Mike Eman's compelling 'Green Aruba' vision, Marriott International is sponsoring the development of an environmental education series for primary school students on the island. Designed in collaboration with the Department of Education and renowned Jean Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society, the initiative aims to spread awareness of



Aruba's rich ecosystems for generations to come.

Developed by biologist Dr. Richard Murphy of the Ocean Futures Society, the series of inspiring educational modules are tailored for 5th and 6th grade students and focus on Aruba's most important ecological resources, including water and energy, endangered species, wetlands, and coral reefs.

"The interactive modules are being designed to engage and inspire the young students and help them learn about the beautiful yet fragile natural resources in their country" said Dr. Murphy. "Today's youth play an integral role in preserving Aruba's natural heritage and knowledge is fundamental to creating a sustainable future."

"Marriott is proud to operate resorts on the beautiful island of Aruba, and as part of

wonders so they can be cherished by locals and visitors alike for years to come" he added.

This initiative continues Marriott International's long-standing commitment to supporting education on Aruba. Last year, the Aruba Marriott CARE Foundation donated almost 3,000 new books and supplies to 15 local elementary schools, supported the teenage education program "Art Rules Aruba", and donated funds for the renovation of Ripoldo Croes Ballpark to benefit sports education. Marriott was also instrumental in the establishment of the Hospitality and Tourism Management studies program at the University of Aruba having previously made a 2 million Aruban florin donation.

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## A new generation raises environmental awareness during Carnival



All of us admired the stunning carnival costumes displayed during the grand parades in San Nicolas and Oranjestad this past weekend. The artistry and creativity are undeniable, but one particular group of girls from Maria College MAVO particularly deserve a place in the spotlight for their exceptional attention to the concept of recycling and being environmentally aware.

Their beautiful garments were not made of thousands of feathers but everyday materials, which most of the spectators would not have even been able to discern from the other



gorgeous costumes on parade, without close examination.

Accordion pleated magazine pages, plastic cups, cotton balls, seashells collected along the shore and bottle caps produced beautiful costumes, which they wore proudly as they marched through the streets and danced before the crowd. These young ladies send a wonderful message and it is very encouraging to see Aruba's youth appreciate the importance of preserving their environment and try to set an example for others. Young ladies of Maria College MAVO, we salute you for your ingenuity and community spirit!

by Rosalie Klein

## Physical battery, intoxication and car accidents were prevalent

### During past festive weekend at Hospital's Emergency Room

ORANJESTAD -- During the past Carnival 58 weekend, the Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital attended to many patients who came or was brought to the Emergency Department for treatment for physical battery, car accidents, as well as many had to be treated for alcohol intoxication. The service began on the 18th of February and continued through to the 20th of February. There were 7 car accident victims, of which 5 were females between ages 20 to 56 years. One of these women were under the influence of alcohol, and one had to be hospitalized.

There were 11 victims of physical battery. Five of these

were females between ages 25 to 55 years. One was under the influence of alcohol, and one had to be admitted to the Hospital for more treatment. The other 6 battery victims were men between ages 15 to 50 years. Two men and 2 women in this group who were under the influence of alcohol, were between ages 15 to 20 years. Four of them had to be admitted to the Hospital.

It was a rather hectic weekend for the Emergency Department. Every staff member worked diligently to help every patient as quickly as possible and to offer the best quality service each deserved.

## Annual ARUBA DAY to be held March 25th in Rijswijk, the Netherlands

ORANJESTAD -- Preparations are in full swing for the 2012 Aruba Dag celebration in the Netherlands. Traditionally there is this annual celebration in the Netherlands of Aruba's National Day. For the past two years this celebration was held at the Veemarkthallen in Utrecht. This year, however, they decided to move the event to the "Broodfabriek" (beursshal Haaglanden) in Rijswijk.

The 2011 Arubadag celebration which also marked our 25th anniversary of Status Aparte was very successful. The dynamic young team that organized that event brought different changes and modernized the festive occasion. Every effort is being made to make this year's celebration equally exciting and successful.

The commission is aware of the fact that Aruban musical bands are very interested in presenting their music during the celebration in Holland. All in-

terested parties should contact the Comision Arubadag 2012 the soonest possible.

The commission is intent on giving all musical bands an equal opportunity. They try to give one band every year the opportunity to do their presentation at Arubadag in Holland.

Food stands with local Aruban food and other 'dushi' items will be on display for sale during the celebrations. Persons or organizations interested in getting a stand to sell products, should contact the commission right away. The Aruban community residing in Holland and all their friends will meet in a delightful family atmosphere on March 25th at Rijswijk, the Netherlands.

For more information, contact the Arubadag Commission via email at: [arubadag@aruba.huis.nl](mailto:arubadag@aruba.huis.nl), or follow them on Facebook at [Facebook.com/arubadagvieren](https://www.facebook.com/arubadagvieren), or call: 0031-070-356-6217.



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## Why the Shoco?



**Papa owl with 3 babies**

Well, as many would say: Why not? However, on Friday, February 17, after much lobbying by the Aruba Bird Conservation Foundation, Aruba's indigenous owl, a variation of *Athene cunicularia*, the borrowing owl, was named Aruba's national bird by Minister of Social & Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer Winklaar.

Aruba has some very interesting native birds: the Chuchubi, Trupial and Pri-kichi, but why such great af-

THE MORNING NEWS was fortunate to be invited to meet a family of shocos that have set up housekeeping under the stairs of the Man Na Obra Center in Piedra Plat, a part of the Stichting Voor Verstandelijk Gehandicapten, or SVGA, the Foundation for the Mentally Challenged. Elvira Tromp, Director, says they greet her every day upon arrival, and perusing these pictures may help visitors understand why islanders have such affection for this shy,



**2 baby owls**

fection for the less colorful owl?

quite tiny owl. The center and the SVGA take great care in watching out for them and they actually have two nests with a total of 8 newborn shocos under their protection along with 3 sets of very protective parents.

There is a very practical side to making the shoco a national bird, as this should put it under government protection; among the many birds threatened by encroachment on their habitats by Aruba's building boom and the foothold gained by non-native predators like the boa constrictor, the shoco is perhaps one of

the most vulnerable.

Nesting in underground burrows makes it very easy for a voracious boa to devour their eggs or newborn owls, along with the protecting parents, depending on the size of the snake. Bulldozing certainly means death for these beautiful birds, and flying away to nest in another tree is not an option.

The greater significance of this landmark decision should mean that legislation will now be put in place to inspect potential construction sites and place strictures that will pro-



**Baby owls have fluffy white breasts**

tect any nest found there, with steps taken by experts to move the birds before they are harmed. Regulations that fine builders and landowners who ignore this should follow; we can only hope.

We applaud those who worked so hard to see this proclamation come to pass, and the staff of the SVGA for taking such steps as to protect the avian residents of their premises.

*by Rosalie Klein*



## A very special birthday for Bill Peterson, returning to Aruba after 66 years away!



Bill Peterson with daughter Jane and her husband Bruce

"Well, I have to admit," says Bill Peterson, who vacationed at the Divi Links Residences last week with his daughter Jane Turcic and her husband Bruce after not having seen the island since 1945, "things certainly have changed around here!"

Bill was a Seaman First Class with the job of Signalman on the U.S.S. Alagash in the latter part of 1945. This was a good-sized oil tanker that made several stops at the Lago Refinery in San Nicolas and went on from there to re-fuel Navy ships at sea.

Bill had joined the Navy at the commencement of his se-



Virginia and Marcel present Bill with a cake from Divi



Birthday Boy and Girl cut the cake

nior year in high school, determined to go off and fight for his country in WWII. However, the program for underage young men such as he required they complete half of the school year, and then would be

Prior to that, he and his Navy buddies enjoyed Aruba's sunny weather and the charms of San Nicolas for some R & R during their layovers on the island. Aruba's public transportation system at the time was

nonexistent, so they really never got far beyond the island's "Sunrise City." He does recall the sight of a much simpler Aruba, with islanders paddling out in small boats to gather round the tanker while still out at sea, diving under the water to quickly retrieve coins the sailors tossed in. "I was amazed at those crystal clear blue waters; you could see the coins shining in them just like they were right in front of you!"

Divi Residences' F & B Manager Marcel Nahr, and other visitors around the pool

awarded their diplomas, allowing their induction to count towards finishing their high school requirement.

By the time Bill completed boot camp, V-E Day and V-J Day had come and gone, so he never saw wartime service. However, he still managed to be injured in the line of duty, landing him at a Navy hospital for several months. Upon completing his time in the service he returned to his hometown of Greenville, Pennsylvania to settle down, marry, and have 5 children.

were fascinated by Bill's story, and joined him on Friday in celebrating his 85th birthday on Aruba, more than six decades since his last visit. It was a pleasant surprise to discover fellow guest Kathy Wilson of New York was also celebrating her birthday, and they received an unexpected serenade of "Happy Birthday" by Marcel and Virginia of the Divi while being presented with a beautiful cake, compliments of the resort. It was a most memorable afternoon for Bill and his family, as well as their poolside neighbors for the week, with plenty of cake for everyone!

## AAA receives "Highly Commended" and Runner-up status at The Routes Airport Marketing Awards



ORANJESTAD – Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) is very proud to announce that this year's Routes Airport Marketing Awards were announced at the Networking Dinner in Nassau, The Bahamas, where AAA received the "Highly Commended" and Runner-up status.

Dallas/Fort Worth International, overall winner, was one of seven airports making it to the awards shortlist and two others were singled out and presented with Highly Commended status for their approach – Aruba Airport Authority and Boston Logan International Airport.

Aruba Airport Authority was highlighted for its "creative approach to air service development" and in particular its production of what was described as a "quirky promotional video" (visit our facebook page "Aruba Airport" to see the promotional video). The company, which manages and operates Aeropuerto Internacional Reina

Beatrix, has brought tangible results from the campaign with new routes being introduced in the last year by Air-Tran Airways, Copa Airlines, jetBlue Airways and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

The other airports short-listed for the Routes Airport Marketing Award this year were Curacao-Hato International Airport, Fort Myers Southwest Florida International Airport, Myrtle Beach Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport.

"The hard work in promoting the airport is clearly displayed in the numerous consecutive nominations and awards of this prestigious award. We're very proud to be Highly Commended again this year! It shows that AAA is a leader in the Airline Marketing business," said Peter Steinmetz, CEO of AAA.

The picture illustrates the Head Airline Marketing Ms. Jo-Anne Arends of AAA with the award.

## Marriott International and PM Eman unveil join partnership . . .

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"Aruba is home to an abundant natural habitat which attracts visitors from around the world," said Professor. Dr. Ryan Peterson, PHD, President and Chairman of the National Council for Innovation and Competitiveness and former Dean of the Hospitality and Tourism Management program. "By offering environmental education specifically tailored to Aruba's ecological resources we can help children understand and appreciate the critical importance of conservation efforts and their role in protecting and preserving our ecosystems."

With the opening in 2014, of The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba, Marriott is also heralding a new level of luxury and service to the island of Aruba. "The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba will bring iconic levels of luxury hospitality to the island nation while supporting Prime Minister Eman's vision of positioning Aruba as the

finest tourist destination in the Caribbean," said Bill Marriott. "Aligned with the government's outstanding urban renewal efforts to enhance the experience for visitors to the island, The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba will not only elevate levels of service delivery on the island through the legendary Ritz-Carlton service excellence training, but will spread awareness on environmental preservation."

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## Island visitors discover authentic Caribbean music and dance with Paseo Herencia



**Moving to the music**



Anticipating the carnival weekend coming, Paseo Herencia dining, shopping and entertainment center, celebrated the spirit of regional music and dance with a special program presented, as usual, for no cost, in their Plaza Padu.

The audience was very pleasantly surprised by D Tour X Percussion Entertainment Show from Curacao, the embodiment of the African-Caribbean rhythms influenced by the slave history of the region. A sparse audience had no idea what to expect when

DTour X first took to the stage, but the group's riveting performance and infectious energy, soon filled the bleachers of the amphitheater to capacity, and garnered them enthusiastic applause and a standing ovation when they regrettably ended their show.

The evening ended with an enchanting performance by the young Venezuelan folkloric dance group Tricolor from the Venezuelan Institute for Culture and Cooperation based on the native movements of Amerindian people who popu-

lated the region prior to the European colonization. The evening provided the crowd at Paseo Herencia a diverse representation of the regional culture in music and dance, both from vastly different eras, demonstrating the influences on local arts over the centuries.

by Rosalie Klein



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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Council of Europe urges Germany to abolish castration

STRASBOURG (AFP) - The Council of Europe's anti-torture committee today urged Germany to abolish the surgical castration of sex offenders, warning that the operation could amount to "degrading treatment."

Germany offers sex offenders aged over 25 the option of surgical castration or orchiectomy, if the operation is cleared by an expert, the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) said in a report.

The practice is rare, noted the committee after a visit to Germany in 2010, with less than five cases a year in the last decade.

"Notwithstanding this, the CPT must express its fundamental objections to the use of surgical castration as a means of treatment of sexual offenders," it said.

"Surgical castration is a mutilating, irreversible intervention and cannot be considered as a medical necessity in the context of the treatment of sexual offenders.

"In the CPT's view, surgical castration of detained sexual offenders could easily be considered as amounting to degrading treatment," it said.

According to the report, authorities in Germany cited the low reoffending rate for those

who have opted for physical castration in their defence of the practice.

Of 104 people who were operated on between 1970 and 80, only 3 percent have reoffended, compared to 46 percent of the 53 others who refused castration or who did not secure expert approval for the operation.

Nevertheless, Berlin agreed to "examine if the issue should be discussed."

Besides Germany, the Czech Republic is the only other of the 47 Council of Europe member states which gives sex offenders the option of physical castration.

### Afghan protests erupt over Koran burning

BAGRAM (AFP) - Protesters hurling petrol bombs and firing slingshots besieged the largest US-run military base in Afghanistan yesterday, furious over reports that NATO troops burned copies of the Koran.

The enraged crowd shouted "Death to Americans" and "Death to infidels" as guards at Bagram Airbase, north of Kabul, responded by firing rubber bullets from a watchtower, said an AFP photographer.

Hundreds of other people protested in the Afghan capital as security forces dispatched reinforcements in a bid to stop the demonstrations from spiralling out of control in the fiercely conservative Islamic country.

The US commander in Afghanistan, General John Allen, apologised and ordered an investigation into a report that troops "improperly disposed of a large number of Islamic religious materials which included Korans".

"I offer my sincere apologies for any offence this may have caused, to the president

of Afghanistan, the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, and most importantly, to the noble people of Afghanistan," he said.

US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta also apologised for the "inappropriate treatment" of copies of the Koran and promised a swift investigation.

Allen did not mention how the religious materials had been disposed of, but an AFP photographer was shown partly-burnt copies of the Koran said to have been saved from destruction by Afghan workers within the base.

Allen's remarkably candid statement, apparently aimed at damage limitation after similar incidents led to violence and attacks on foreigners, was played repeatedly on Afghan television.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai in a statement said he "strongly condemns the burning of copies of the Koran by American soldiers" and had assigned a delegation to investigate the incident.

### Chile closes Peru border due to mine hazard



TACNA : Picture handed by Peruvian Radio Uno de Tacna shows hundreds of people who remained stranded at the bus terminal of Tacna, 1.200 Km south of Lima, Peru, on February 21, 2012, after Chile closed its main border crossing with Peru after torrential rains on Monday washed anti-personnel and anti-tank mines onto a key highway. "The mines came down toward the northern Route 5, and with the carabineros (police) and the army, a decision was taken to close the highway," said Ximena Valcarce, mayor of Arica. Border tensions periodically flare as a legacy of a mid-19th century war that ended with the transfer to Chile of a portion of southern Peru and Bolivia's entire Pacific coastline and in 1975 the Chilean military planted thousands of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines in the area. Chile has been working to de-mine the area since 2004 under an international treaty banning anti-personnel mines. (AFP PHOTO)

### Brazilian crew member dies of flu on cruise ship

MONTEVIDEO (AFP) - Crew members from an Italian-registered cruiseliner were treated for flu-like symptoms here yesterday after a Brazilian waitress aboard the ship died over the weekend of type B flu, authorities said.

The MSC Armonia arrived in Montevideo from Brazil and

departed later to Buenos Aires.

A Uruguayan navy spokesman said five crew members were taken off the ship for treatment at a private clinic.

The ship was inspected by health authorities, which gave it permission to allow its 1,000 staff and 2,500 passengers to disembark, said the captain.

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## Syria forces 'kill over 58 civilians,' Red Cross calls truce

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Syrian forces killed 58 civilians yesterday as they blitzed the city of Homs and a village in Idlib province, monitors said, as the Red Cross sought a truce to deliver aid and the UN demanded access for humanitarian workers.

The latest killings came as Russia, a key ally of President Bashar al-Assad, said it will boycott a conference in Tunis this week aimed at seeking political change in Syria.

It also comes ahead of a weekend referendum on a new constitution that could end nearly five decades of rule by Assad's Baath party.

At least 33 civilians were killed by Syrian forces in the village of Abdita in the north-western province of Idlib, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

And despite a plea by activists to allow women and children to flee Homs' besieged Baba Amr neighbourhood, more troops were sent to the outskirts of the restive city, with activists expressing fear they were preparing to storm it.

Residents say Homs has been under assault for 18 straight days. AFP was not able to verify the death toll nor the reports of shelling, as foreign reporters are given only limited access within the country.

In Damascus, the Observatory reported that security forces opened fire on Sunday night to disperse a demonstration in the Al-Hajar Al-Aswad neighbourhood, as daring protests spread in the stronghold of Assad's regime.

The International Committee of the Red Cross called for a daily truce of two hours in Syria so it can deliver vital aid to afflicted areas, after saying a day earlier it was in talks with both sides to halt the violence.

## Chavez says will undergo surgery to remove new 'lesion'

CARACAS - Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez said yesterday he would have to undergo another operation after doctors in Cuba found a lesion in his pelvis where surgeons removed a large cancerous tumor last year.

The 57-year-old socialist leader said he had travelled to Havana for the tests on Satur-

day. Rumors of the unannounced trip had prompted a flood of speculation among the opposition and supporters that he was at death's door.

"There is no metastasis. Just this small lesion in the same place where they removed the tumor," Chavez said during a televised tour of a factory in his home state of

Barinas.

"Because of the growing rumors, I'm obliged to put forward the information now ... it's a small lesion, about 2 cm across, very clearly visible. This will need to be taken out, it needs more surgery, supposedly less complicated than before."


Donning a bright red hard

hat to stroll around the proposed site of the Veneminsk factory, Chavez had joked with workers and looked to be in reasonable health. He did not say when the next operation was due to take place.


The Venezuelan leader has said he was declared cancer-free after the surgery and four rounds of chemotherapy, but

details of his condition have been kept secret.




The latest disclosure raises new questions about his health as he faces a credible challenge for the presidency from Henrique Capriles, who was chosen in a heavily attended primary this month as the sole opposition candidate.




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## Health & Living

### US plastic surgeries rise for second straight year



said the annual data from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Facelifts made it to the top five for the first time since 2004, ousting tummy tucks for fifth place after nose reshaping, liposuction, and eyelid surgery.

Among men, a surgery to remove the double chin effect of extra neck skin nearly doubled in 2011 over a year earlier, with 21,000 such procedures.

Lip augmentation also rose 49 percent to more than 25,000 procedures performed.

Roth said the rise in surgical procedures, up two percent over a year earlier to 1.6 operations, "reflect the demands of an aging boomer population."

However, the overall growth in the industry is being driven by minimally-invasive procedures, which rose six percent to nearly 12.2 million procedures in 2011.

Botox injections, soft tissue fillers to remove laugh lines and wrinkles, chemical peels, laser hair removal and microdermabrasion were the most popular image boosters for Americans.

(AFP) - The number of Americans getting nips and tucks rose in 2011 for the second straight year despite difficult economic times, a major US plastic surgeons' groups reported.

A total of 13.8 million procedures, including everything from facelifts to boob jobs to anti-wrinkle injections, were performed in 2011 in the United States, up five percent over 2010.

"Consumer confidence was up, so it is not surprising that we would also see increased demand for plastic surgery procedures," said American Society of Plastic Surgeons president Malcolm Roth.

Breast augmentation remained the most popular operation, up four percent to 307,000 procedures last year,

### Dignitas assisted deaths rose by 35% in 2011

(AFP) - The number of assisted deaths carried out by the Swiss association Dignitas rose by 35 percent last year, it was reported on Sunday.

A total of 144 people ended their lives in 2011 with the help of the clinic based in the canton of Zurich, according to police figures quoted by the Sonntags Zeitung newspaper.

All but five were of foreign nationality. The paper did not give the 2010 case total.

Dignitas helps people end their lives by supplying a lethal dose of a drug.

"Passive" assisted suicide is permitted under Swiss law provided it is not motivated by self-interest.

Active assistance, including helping the person to take the drug or administering it, is forbidden however.

Exit, another Zurich group providing assisted suicide, also saw its case number rise by about 17 percent last year,



from 257 to more than 300, according to the article.

"Most people are suffering from cancer," Exit vice-president Bernhard Sutter told the paper.

Sutter said the average age of people choosing assisted suicide was 76.

Exit only assists those who are permanently resident in Switzerland, unlike Dignitas which has over the past decade offered more than 1,000 foreigners the opportunity to take advantage of Swiss law.

Voters in Zurich last May voted against plans to restrict assisted suicide to local residents.





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## John Glenn marks 50th anniversary of US space flight



(AFP) - Former astronaut John Glenn Monday has the 50th anniversary of the flight that made him the first American spaceman, with vivid memories but also regret over the current state of the US space program.

On February 20, 1962, Glenn blasted off from Cape Canaveral aboard an Atlas rocket to make three orbits around the Earth in just under five hours, a voyage that made him a national hero and restored confidence in America's ability to compete in space with Russia.

"It seems to me like it was about a week or so ago, because I guess I've recalled it quite often over the past 50 years and that's kept it fresh," Glenn told CNN Monday.

"It was such an impressive thing at the time that it's indelibly imprinted on my mem-

ory and I can recall those days very vividly."

He was to attend a gala later Monday at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio in celebration of the historic flight aboard the craft Friendship 7.

He was also to join NASA Administrator Charles Bolden in a live chat with the crew of the International Space Station, kicking off a two-day "Future Forum" at the university in which he was also to attend a panel session.

Despite the outpouring of attention, it's bittersweet for the US hero because the first nation to land people on the Moon now depends on Russia for its manned space flights.

Glenn, who served as a Democratic senator from 1974 through 1999, said last week that the administration of former president George W. Bush sacrificed US space ambitions by cutting NASA's funding.

"I think it's too bad," he said. "I just hope some of the efforts now to recreate our own (space) transportation system come through."

NASA is relying on private enterprises to develop systems to replace the shuttle program, which is expected to happen in about five years.

One of the companies, SpaceX, is scheduled to launch the first commercially built spacecraft to the International Space Station on March 20.

## Sci-Tech

## Yahoo! seeks to avoid Indian lawsuit over content



(AFP) - Internet giant Yahoo! on Tuesday applied to be removed from a lawsuit lodged in an Indian court against social networking sites hosting allegedly offensive content.

More than 20 Internet firms, including Google and Facebook, have been named in the case, which follows meetings between government ministers and the companies over material seen as offending Muslims or defaming

politicians.

Yahoo! was made part of the lawsuit "on the patently mistaken assumption that it is a social networking website", lawyers for the company said in a district court hearing in Delhi.

The lawyers added there was "no cause of action" against Yahoo!, and described the case, which has been brought by a member of the public, as "a complete abuse of

the process of law".

Telecoms Minister Kapil Sibal has pressurised global Internet firms to crack down on offensive material but he has denied accusations of censorship, saying they only had to obey the same rules governing the press.

Google and Facebook said earlier this month that they had removed allegedly offensive content used as evidence in court.

The groups have appealed to the Delhi High Court asking for cases against them to be quashed on the basis they cannot be held responsible for their clients' actions.

## Clinton urges transparency by state-backed firms

LOS CABOS (AFP) - US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has urged major economies to ensure transparency by state-backed companies, saying that all countries would benefit from a "rules-based system."

Senior officials from the Group of 20 major economies are holding two days of talks in the Mexican resort of Los Cabos, a deliberately informal setting aimed at sparking dialogue ahead of a full G20 summit in June.

Some of the world's top diplomats started their day with a group trip to watch the plentiful whales off the coast in the Pacific Ocean.

Clinton, speaking later to a sit-down session Sunday, called on the Group of 20 -- which represents some 85 percent of the global economy -- to address the rise of "state capitalism" in the global economy.

While acknowledging that the US record was not perfect, Clinton said all countries that "benefit from open, free, transparent and fair competition have a vital interest in protecting it and a responsibility to follow the rules."

Clinton said the G20 could find a model in the so-called Santiago Principles, the guidelines offered in 2008 under the International Monetary Fund calling for transparency by state-owned investment bodies known as sovereign wealth funds.

The United States, where direct government involvement in business is politically taboo, has long complained about what it sees as unfair advantages enjoyed by state-

backed companies in emerging competitors such as China.

Washington has complained over what it charges is Chinese state support for key industries such as solar and other clean energy. President Barack Obama last week called for China to follow global "rules" during a meeting with Vice President Xi Jinping, the rising Asian power's likely next leader.

Clinton also voiced hope that the Group of 20 members would work on hotspot issues such as the escalating violence in Syria and the growing tensions over Iran's nuclear program.

The Group of 20, formed in 2008 amid the global financial crisis, includes major developed and developing nations. Mexico invited a number of nations outside the usual group including Cambodia and Benin as representatives of Southeast Asian and African nations.

However, only nine foreign ministers are taking part in the talks. Russia, China, India and Brazil, which lead the important bloc of emerging economies, are not represented

on the ministerial level.

Mexican Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa, who won wide praise for pushing ahead climate change negotiations in a 2010 conference in Cancun, said the G20 meeting aimed at advancing key issues without the pressure of making immediate decisions.

"There are many important issues that affect the lives of billions of people across the world on which the international community is failing to make any discernible progress," Espinosa said.

She mentioned issues such as green growth, sustainable development and the rule of law.

"It is only natural that governments promote their own interests, but they must do so in a way that takes into account global needs transcending narrow national interests," she said.

Meanwhile, G20 finance ministers and central bank heads were expected to meet in Mexico next weekend to discuss way to increase funding for the International Monetary Fund in the face of a financial crisis in Europe.

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14. Actress Campbell ("Scream")
15. Part of Descartes's conclusion
16. Tie \_\_\_ (get drunk)
17. "American Gothic" painter
19. Bundled, as cotton
20. Supply
21. Skinnerian prompts
23. Actor Marvin
24. Before, to Keats
26. Like a PETA member in good standing
29. Sum symbol
31. Airline watchdog gp.
32. Spartan's rival
35. "\_\_\_ a real nowhere man..."
36. Cocksure
37. Animal's backbone
38. Alpine river
39. Word on many a VW Beetle's bumper sticker
40. Weight
41. \_\_\_-by-night
42. Judson's invention
43. Feed-bag tidbit
44. Tout's wares
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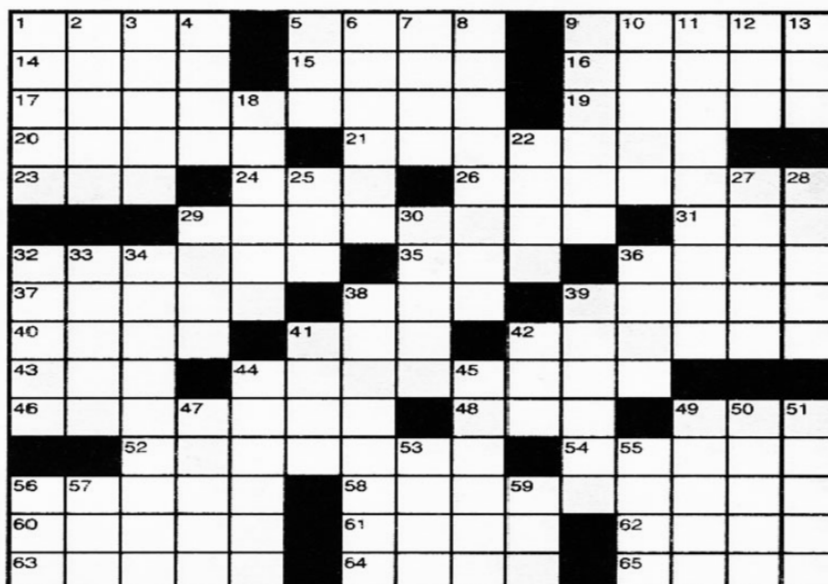
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61. Airline to Atarot Airport
62. "\_\_\_ See for Miles" (The Who)
63. Apparel
64. What a proctor watches over
65. Shopper's aid

## DOWN

1. Halo wearer
2. Writer Jules
3. Escape
4. Clinton AG Janet
5. Make clothes
6. Speaks matter-of-factly
7. "\_\_\_ You" (James Brown hit)
8. One who organizes system-

9. James of "The Magnificent Seven"
10. Counting everything
11. Atlas item
12. Iowa college
13. Sometimes it's bitter
18. "\_\_\_ Monkeys" (1995 film)
22. Poses sillily
25. Wish undone
27. Tabasco, for one
28. Lyricist Carole Bayer
29. Cream quantity
30. Carriages
32. Sneeze sound
33. Ostrichlike birds
34. Don't look it in the mouth
36. Autumn mo.
38. "Sesame Street" lesson

39. Works by Titian and El Greco
41. Slugging tool
42. New York's Tappan \_\_\_ Bridge
44. Indian tribal symbols
45. African scavengers
47. Praise
49. Sky dragon
50. Ready to hit a home run
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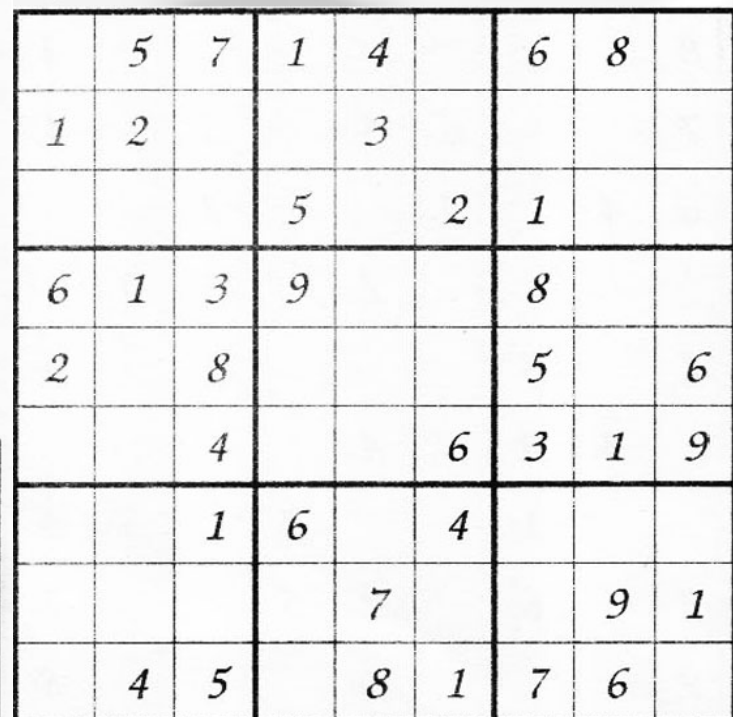
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



## Finance

### Greece hurries to nail down eurozone bailout deal

ATHENS (AFP) - Greece yesterday hurried to finalize legislation tied to a huge eurozone bailout, with officials warning tough reforms mean a heavy workload and controversial constitutional changes.

The program has to go through as the country prepares for elections in April which pollsters say could fail to produce a clear majority, clouding prospects for later implementation of the accord.

"A lot remains to be done, in the immediate future, to complete prior actions for the conclusion of the loan agreement expected in early March," Greek Prime Minister Lucas Papademos said after all-night talks in Brussels.

The government must work too to press ahead with "all reforms included in Greece's new economic program," Papademos said.

Eurozone finance ministers sealed an unprecedented deal early yesterday to provide a new 237-billion-euro (\$310

billion) bailout designed to keep Greece in the single currency area.

In the immediate term, it should be enough to avert a default on March 20 by enabling Greece to repay maturing debt worth 14.43 billion euros.

"We have only a few days ahead of us until the European Union summit (March 1-2) ... and we must do a lot of things in these few days. We must complete all the prior actions," Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos told reporters.

Upon his return to Athens, Venizelos said legislation will be tabled to implement the deal, including a private creditor debt writedown, and it must be voted through by February 29.

A finance ministry source said the private creditor debt swap operation will be held on March 12.

"Greece is and will remain a eurozone member no matter what happens," Venizelos said.

As the leaders of the coal-

ition backing Papademos's cabinet praised the deal as "satisfactory," others gave the accord a hostile reception.

Unions called for new protests for today as the head of the opposition Communist party vowed to fight the new austerity reforms.

"We insist on daily struggle to thwart the measures," said Communist party chief Aleka Papariga, "and this struggle cannot be a defensive one."

The deal provides Greece 130 billion euros in loans to 2014 alongside a 53.5 percent writedown of privately-held Greek sovereign debt which should slash 107 billion euros from the country's debt mountain of 350 billion euros.

Charles Dallara, who heads the Institute of International Finance (IIF) which groups private creditor banks said the deal may not be a definitive turning-point for the eurozone but it was a move "toward a restoration of confidence in the eurozone."

### Dow index tops 13,000 after Greek bailout

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The Dow Jones Industrial Average topped 13,000 yesterday for the first time since May 2008, helped by news that EU ministers had finally agreed on a long-awaited new bailout for Greece.

After bouncing up and down in early trade, the Dow pushed across the key level to touch 13,000.84, a level last seen when the markets began to sink in early 2008 as the financial crisis broke and a deep recession took hold.

It was still well below the all-time high of 14,164 hit on October 9, 2007, before the crash took it down to 6,440 17 months later.

Crossing the 13,000 line "adds a little level of excitement" to trading, said Mace Blinksilver of Marblehead

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"The market is reacting properly to it, it is a small positive" on top of the Greece debt deal, he said

Shares mainly took their cue from the long-awaited deal reached in Brussels early yesterday on the new bailout of Greece, which includes a 107 billion euro (\$141 billion) writedown of the country's debt by private debt holders and 130 billion euros in new financing from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund.

"Chalk one up for European leaders as they were finally able to agree to the second bailout package for Greece. Now the hard work begins -- reinventing Greece's economy," said Scott Atkinson of Briefing Research.

Meanwhile, in Washington, US President Barack Obama called German counterpart An-

gela Merkel yesterday to welcome "positive steps" taken by the European Union to ease its smoldering debt crisis, the White House said.

Hours after the EU and the private sector inked a 237-billion-euro (\$310 billion) bailout designed to keep Greece in the single currency, the White House lauded the deal as important, but stressed there was more work to do.

"The president thanked the chancellor for her leadership, and welcomed last night's agreement in Europe on a new rescue program for Greece to help reduce its debt to sustainable levels," said spokesman Jay Carney.

But he added: "Additional steps should be taken," including strengthening a financial firewall that would prevent the debt crisis from spreading to larger economies such as Italy and Spain.

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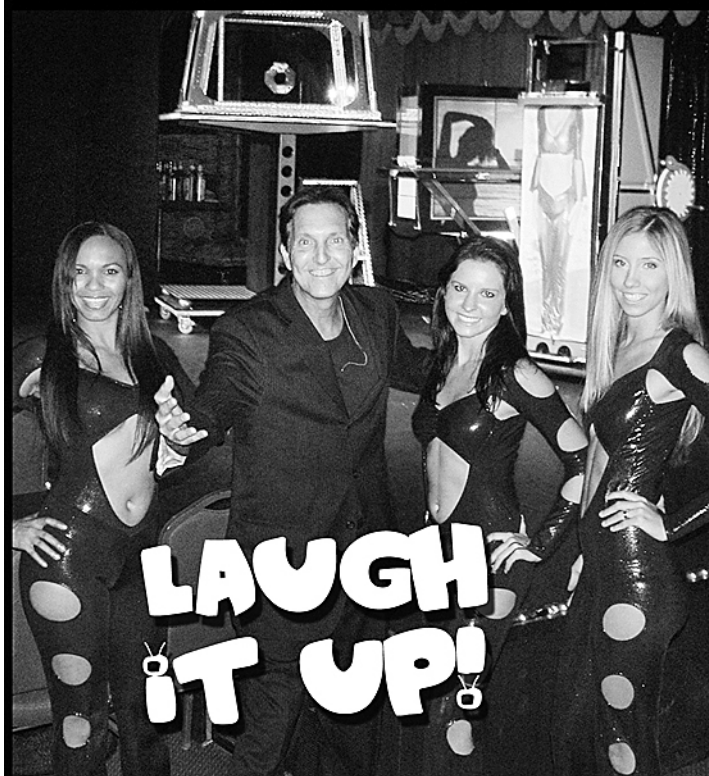
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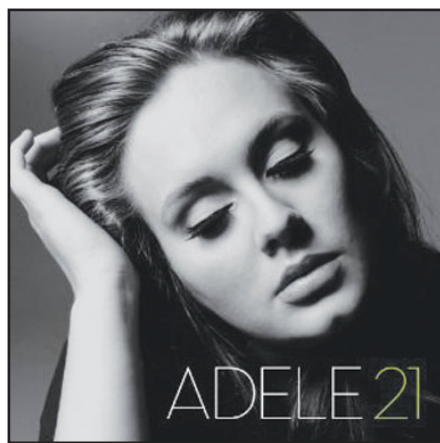
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## Adele set for further gongs at Brit Awards



and then it's the Brit Awards here at home and then I'm straight into the studio. BOYYAAH! 5 years? More like 5 days!"

At the O2 Arena ceremony, Adele goes head to head in the best British single and album categories with singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran, who has shot to fame in the past year with single "The A Team" and the album "+".

LONDON (AFP) - Just over a week after her spectacular sweep at the Grammys, British soul diva Adele looks set to triumph on home soil Tuesday at the annual Brit Awards in London.

The 23-year-old returned from Los Angeles with six Grammys, marking her as one of Britain's most successful pop exports in years -- a remarkable feat given the throat problems that last year threatened to end her career.

Adele is now up for three awards in her home city: best British single for "Someone Like You", British female solo artist and British album of the year for "21", which topped the charts in Britain and the United States.

After what she dubbed "the most incredible night of my life", fans were shocked to read an interview in which Adele said she was taking five years off to "be in love and be happy". But the singer later laughed this off.

Writing in her personal blog shortly after the Grammys, she said: "I've a few days off now,

She has a mixed record in the Brits, having failed to secure a trophy since her debut success in winning the Critics Choice award in 2008. The following year she was nominated in three categories but lost out in all of them.

In the British album category, Adele and Sheeran are up against Coldplay's "Mylo Xyloto", Florence and the Machine's "Ceremonials" and PJ Harvey's "Let England Shake".

In the female artist category, Adele is competing with Florence and the Machine, Jessie J, Laura Marling and Kate Bush, who last won the award 25 years ago.

Meanwhile Sheeran, who is set to perform at the ceremony along with Rihanna and Coldplay, is nominated in the male solo artist category with James Blake, James Morrison, Noel Gallagher and Professor Green.

Blur are also set to perform at the ceremony as they receive an outstanding contribution award.



Rio throbbed to sambas, pyrotechnics and dazzling parades in an ecstatic climax Tuesday to its famed Carnival celebrations. With bursts of fireworks, high-decibel music and a kaleidoscope of colors, the city's top 13 samba schools treated a capacity crowd of 72,500 at the newly renovated "Temple of Samba" to stunning processions of exquisitely decorated floats. The night parades, which went on into the small hours of the morning, had it all. They marked the high point of the pre-Lent festival, a holiday that provides a rare moment of national communion and over-the-top merry-making in this huge and racially diverse country of 191 million people. The parades, a major draw for foreign tourists, cemented the Rio Carnival's reputation as "the greatest show on earth."

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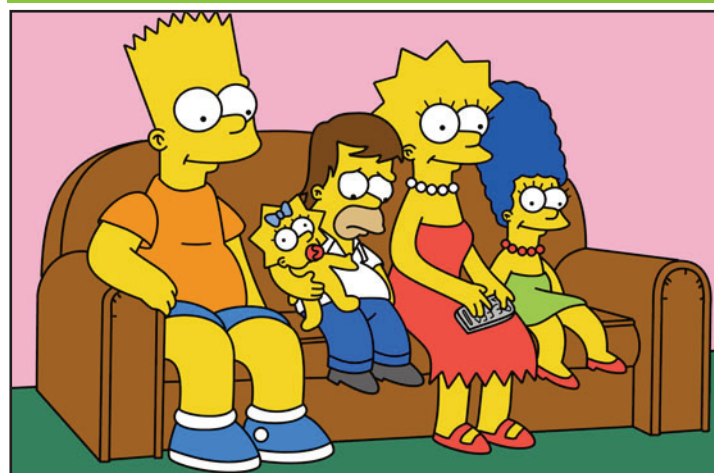
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## Simpsons marks 500th episode, Assange guest stars



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Simpsons, the long-running US television animated comedy show, reached its landmark 500th episode Sunday, with an appearance from controversial WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

America's most famous dysfunctional cartoon family have played out their lives before a worldwide audience for over two decades since the distinctive yellow characters Homer, Maggie and children Bart, Lisa and baby Maggie first burst onto American TV in 1989.

The series has become the longest-running comedy in US television history and in its 23rd season is currently the longest-running primetime scripted show.

In the 500th show, Homer and Marge discover Springfield residents are holding a secret meeting to kick them out of town, for all the trouble

they've caused over the years.

After being sent into exile, the Simpsons arrange to meet with Assange in a bid to clear their names.

The show's executive producer Al Jean acknowledged last month that Assange, who leaked massive amounts of sensitive diplomatic and military documents, was a controversial figure.

"There was discussion internally whether or not to have him on the show, but ultimately we went ahead and did it," said Jean in Entertainment Weekly.

He added "there's nothing we did that has anything to do with the legal situation that he's in."

Assange is wanted in Sweden for questioning about allegations of rape and sexual assault, and he fears extradition to the United States for possible prosecution for the leak.

"We wanted to make sure it

was satirical, and he was willing to do that," Jean added.

"Thanks for 500 shows," the show said in a note attached to the end of Sunday's episode. "All we ask is that you go out and get some fresh air before logging on the Internet and saying how much this sucked."

The Simpsons has a history of including high profile guest appearances, from Hollywood stars and musicians to politicians -- including former British prime minister Tony Blair -- and famously elusive figures such as US novelist Thomas Pynchon and British graffiti artist Banksy.

Over the past 20 years, it has entered into the national and global consciousness as an icon of television entertainment.

It's success has surprised even creator Matt Groening, the creative spark behind the family that lives in the shadow of a nuclear reactor, in a fictional town called Springfield.

"Audiences were ready again for a prime-time animated TV show," he told the Los Angeles Times on Saturday on the eve of the 500th episode.

"We were the first out of the gate and, using a very conservative template of a family sitcom, found a way to tell jokes in many different styles," he said. "It's really crazy that something so quirky is so popular, but whatever that mix is, it works."



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Patrick has opened his own place after years of establishing the reputation of some of the best for the time of year.

One would expect to pay very high prices for such effort, but their menu is quite reasonably priced. Amuse also provides the option of selecting a dish in main course or half plate, appetizer size, which is very nice if you would prefer to taste a wide sample of their delectable offerings. The restaurant also prides itself on an excellent wine cellar to provide the perfect pairing for the gourmet food. Menus change to some degree with the seasons, taking advantage of what is fresh and best for the time of year.

Amuse is named for the tradition of an "amuse-bouche" a chef's selection for something special to tantalize the taste buds, and patrons will find it a most appropriate moniker, as Patrick's exceptional sauces and artful presentation will provide a most memorable meal.

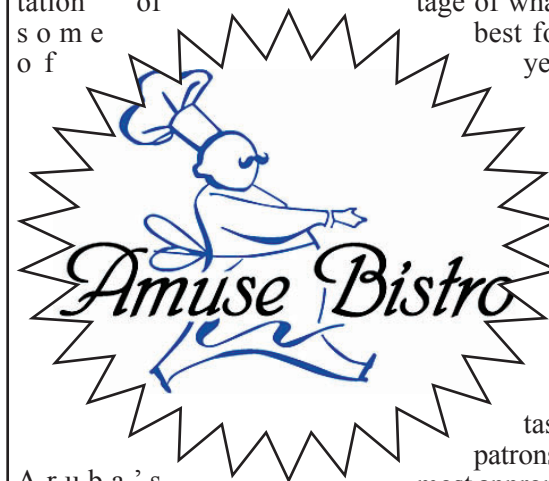
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Patrick is well aware that a memorable meal is a feast for all the sense, and his dishes are as pleasing to the eye as they are to the palate and your

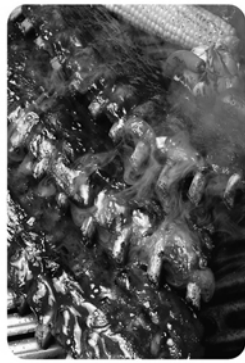
Amuse is open daily for dinner from 5:30 to 10:30 PM.

However, if wishing to dine at peak hours, Yvette recommends calling 586-9949 for reservations well ahead; they are happy to take walk-ins anytime before 7:30 PM.

The charming logistics of the bistro allows patrons to enjoy the al fresco ambiance of a Parisian sidewalk café while still being protected from the weather; it is rightfully becoming quite a popular place to savor fine dining combined with Aruba's tropical ambiance.







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## SPORTS

### NBA: Lin tries to rekindle magic with Anthony in mix



New York Knicks point guard Jeremy Lin (L) is blocked by New Jersey Nets center Johan Petro (R)

NEW YORK (AFP) - Jeremy Lin and Carmelo Anthony will have a couple more games to work on adapting their styles to each other before the NBA All-Star Game break, which offers the New York Knicks some vital practice time.

The Knicks had won eight of nine games since "Lin-sanity" began but Anthony returned from a groin strain on Monday and the New Jersey Nets beat New York 100-92, with new Asian-American star Lin and Anthony struggling together.

New York will play host to Atlanta on Wednesday and visit NBA overall leader Miami on Thursday before reaching the annual mid-season pause.

"We get to the All-Star break, we get four or five practices to figure out the kind of team, the identity we have... and re-tool a little bit and see what we can do," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Lin's meteoric rise to stardom began as a benchwarmer given a chance to play with two starters absent. He answered the call with the most points of any NBA player in his first five starts since 1976.

Lin, whose parents are from Taiwan, was cut by two other teams before joining the Knicks and showing his versatility as a point guard with high-point games when needed and assist-heavy performances when situations called for it.

But suddenly the Knicks are a puzzle with a handful of new pieces to fit around Lin, and vice versa.

Amare Stoudemire is back after the death of his brother. Anthony is back after missing seven games while hurt. Baron Davis is back at point guard after being hurt all season. Shooting guard J.R. Smith has just signed after playing in China.

"It's a little tough right now with no practice time," Lin said. "We're not happy with how it went but sometimes when you go through these type of times you become a better team. We need to find a good balance."

Anthony said he tried to tone down his game too much to play alongside Lin, hitting only 4-of-11 from the field and scoring only 11 points in their first game together since Lin's rise to fame.

"My mind-set was not try to come in and do too much. Try to fit in. Try to play my game within the system that they've been playing the last couple weeks -- pass the ball, finding the open man, making the right play," Anthony said.

In the meantime, the phenomenon surrounding Lin grows. US television ratings for the Knicks' Sunday national telecast were 60 percent higher than last year.

People are paying thousands of dollars for game-worn Lin jerseys and shoes and court-side tickets to watch him play, while thousands of people have gathered in Taiwan to watch games involving Lin, who has a maternal grandmother living in China.

"He's acting as the catalyst to grow the sport in China," NBA China chief executive David Shoemaker told the Los Angeles Times. "We're doing everything possible to react to the frenzy of the fans and to respond in every way possible to their demand to see more of Jeremy."

### Lady luck isn't smiling on Barca, laments Xavi



Barcelona midfielder Xavi Hernandez scores during the Spanish Cup semi-final second leg against Valencia at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on February 8.

(AFP) - Barcelona midfielder Xavi Hernandez on Tuesday lamented his side's lack of luck at key times this season as the Catalan giants sit ten points adrift of leaders Real Madrid.

"This ten-point difference comes down to details. At key moments when it was double or quits luck wasn't on our side," said the Spanish international.

"But we're going to battle until the end, La Liga is still not lost."

The midfielder acknowledged that "unconsciously" Barca had "perhaps taken their foot off the pedal" slightly. "We're always competitive but unconsciously the team may not have realised it and slackened off," he said.

Barca have failed to win seven away fixtures, a weakness not shown in previous seasons.

Uncertainty also surrounds the future of coach Pep Guardiola, whose contract expires at the end of the season, with Xavi insisting that he wants him to remain at the Catalan side.

"I'd love Pep to renew his contract, he's the key element to this machine and hopefully he will sign an extension."

Xavi dismissed speculation linking himself to a coaching role with Barca.

"Leave me alone, let me play. I'm not thinking about anything else but playing football. And besides, I don't even have a coaching diploma," he added.



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## Klitschko eager to 'punish' Chisora in the ring

(AFP) - World heavyweight champion Vitali Klitschko wants to grant Dereck Chisora a rematch to 'punish' the British fighter for his brawl in Munich with David Haye, but his manager has blocked the idea.

Klitschko defended his WBC heavyweight title on Saturday night with a unanimous win over Chisora, but in the post-fight press conference, the Brit traded blows and insults with compatriot and former champion David Haye.

Both Chisora, 28, and Haye, 31, are under investigation by German police, who have said the pair could both face prison sentences or fines.



Pending the police investigation, Chisora has had part of his fight purse withheld.

Having seen Chisora leave the press conference stage to confront Haye, who was working at the fight as a pundit, Klitschko was shocked to hear the pair trade insults and blows with Chisora shouting that he wanted to "shoot" Haye.

After Chisora slapped him in the face at the pre-fight weigh-in, then spat water in the face of his brother Wladimir just before the title

bout, Vitali Klitschko has said he is appalled by Chisora's behaviour.

"In spirit, I have no need for revenge, but my ego tells me that this man deserves real punishment. I want to knock him out in the ring," the Ukrainian champion told German daily Die Welt.

Klitschko, 40, damaged his left shoulder in the fight and will take up to eight weeks off, but his management moved quickly on Tuesday to pour cold water on any rematch

plans.

"A rematch is absolutely inconceivable and won't happen," Klitschko's manager Bernd Boente told SID, an AFP subsidiary.

"Of course, Vitali has been affected emotionally, but a fight is not up for discussion and we will not offer Chisora a further platform."

Boente pointed to Chisora's hearing before the British Boxing Board of Control hearing in London on March 14 -- when he could face a life ban -- as well as Klitschko's shoulder injury.

Chisora also faces being unable to fight here as Thomas Puetz, the president of Germany's Professional Boxers (BdF) Federation, has said he wants to see the Brit banned and on Sunday he branded Chisora a 'public menace'.

Both Chisora and Haye issued apologies on Monday, but the fall-out from their well-documented brawl is likely to last some time.

Chisora was detained and questioned by Munich police on Sunday before being released while Haye flew back to Britain before police could speak to him.

Klitschko says Chisora has tarnish boxing and he was a bemused by-stander as events unfolded.

"I saw it all from the stage, I thought I was in some kind of film," said Klitschko. "Sooner or later in life a man gets his just punishment. "You can't behave like that as an athlete or as a normal person.

Before Saturday's melee, Vitali Klitschko had been tipped to defend his WBC title against Haye in Germany this June, but the Ukrainian said he is just as unimpressed with the "Haye-maker", who lost to Wladimir last July in Hamburg.

"They are both cut from the same cloth. The same thing applies to him (Haye) as to what I said about Chisora," said Klitschko.

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## Tennis: Ivanovic wins battle of Paris heroines

DUBAI (AFP) - Ana Ivanovic upset the seedings in a battle of former French Open champions with Francesca Schiavone at the Dubai Open on Tuesday, insisting afterwards that there is still another Grand Slam title left in her.

The 2008 Roland Garros champion from Serbia beat the 2010 champion from Italy 6-1, 7-5 with a first-round performance that belied her relative decline over the past three years.

Ivanovic hurtled so quickly into a 5-0 lead, with such forceful blows from her first serve and forehand, that it seemed unlikely that she would be troubled.

But Schiavone summoned a typically tenacious second-set performance, twice recovering from dropped service



Serbian tennis player Ana Ivanovic

games and threatening to do that a third time before Ivanovic closed the match out in a tight finish.

"I believe I can get back to the top and win a Grand Slam again -- that's why I am here," said Ivanovic. "If that wasn't going to happen or I didn't feel that it could, I wouldn't be here."

"It's strange that at the age of 24 I am considered old. It's a great challenge for us players who have been around for a while," she said, referring to the rise during 2011 of Victoria Azarenka, Petra Kvitova, and Caroline Wozniacki.

Ivanovic was also pleased with the way in which she handled a finish in which her English coach Nigel Sears unexpectedly appeared on court before she could serve for the match for a second time.

Asked why she had called for him, Ivanovic said: "I didn't -- he just stood up and came! He said: 'You are doing a good job, just keep at it.'"

Ivanovic nevertheless needed the help of the Hawk-eye video system before reaching match point.

Schiavone's net approach was called in, but the computer simulation showed the ball landing an inch wide.

Ivanovic celebrated by closing out the match immediately with a fine first serve.

Earlier, another seed, Agnieszka Radwanska -- the fifth seed from Poland -- narrowly

survived.

She was 3-5 down in the final set against Aleksandra Wozniak, a Canadian qualifier who had had the advantage of playing three times already on these courts, before escaping 6-1, 6-7 (6/8), 7-5.

Daniela Hantuchova was also behind in the final set in similar circumstances.

The former world number five from Slovakia was down 1-3 against lucky loser Polona Hercog and then again by 1-3 in the final set tie-break.

Hantuchova eventually squeezed home 1-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7/4) against the rising top 40 Slovenian -- partly with the help of a Hercog double fault that relinquished a mini-break in the tie-break, but also by being bold enough to take more risks in attack.

Marion Bartoli was another heavyweight to fall, the number six seed from France being beaten 6-4, 6-3 by China's Peng Shuai.

Bartoli retired with a calf problem after one set in Saturday's semi-finals in Doha and after this time taking 3-0 leads in both sets, she slowed markedly, and ended the match limping.

Peng next plays Hantuchova. Ivanovic, meanwhile, faces Russia's Maria Kirilenko, who is suffering from a neck injury, and has a chance of earning a quarter-final meeting with defending champion Wozniacki.

## Leaving Arsenal was right decision - Nasri



(AFP) - Samir Nasri is confident he is starting to prove that Manchester City did not make a mistake when they signed him for £24 million from Arsenal last summer.

The Frenchman, 24, has taken time to settle at Eastlands and has made just 15 Premier League starts since his move.

City manager Roberto Mancini has claimed that Nasri needed to improve the defensive side of his game in order to thrive for the Blues.

But Nasri has started to establish himself in recent weeks as City close in on the climax to the Premier League and the Europa League.

The winger maintains he was never concerned about his price tag but accepts it has taken time for him to get used to life at City.

He claims he has taken Mancini's advice on board and feels he is starting to show the

club what he is capable of.

"It's always tough when you change, when you go to another team and have to be involved 100 per cent and I wasn't," he said. "Now I start to be settled and you will see a better Samir every week."

"You have to work when you don't feel well and not producing what everyone expects. I was always confident about my quality and you will see that."

"It's not the same way (as playing at Arsenal). You need to settle. Now I want to show everyone it wasn't a mistake."

Nasri's former club Arsenal are struggling to press for a top-four place, out of the FA Cup and 4-0 down in their Champions League tie with AC Milan.

He is adamant he has never doubted his decision to leave the Emirates Stadium but is sure that Arsene Wenger will turn it around.

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